

Kirkland Traffic Alert: Extended hours for Intersection Construction at 114th Avenue NE and NE 85th Street

Drivers should find alternative routes starting Monday, October 17

Kirkland, WA – Commuters should find alternative routes or expect potentially long traffic delays due to the contractor's extended work hours at 114th Avenue NE and NE 85th Street. In the interest of expediting the project before the onset of winter weather, beginning Monday, October 17 work hours will be from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM each day. It is strongly advised that drivers use alternative routes especially during the morning and late afternoon commutes to avoid long traffic delays.

Also, a complete night time road closure has been tentatively scheduled to begin the evening of Monday, Oct. 24, on 114th Avenue NE between NE 85th and 86th Streets. This work will require three to five night shifts, and is necessary to perform open trench construction on the storm line. Traffic control signage and a signed detour will be in place. The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of November.

The Project provides a second southbound-to-eastbound left turn lane at the intersection and replaces traffic signal controller equipment with Intelligent Transportation System improvements (video detection, connection to City networks, and new computer controller for remote monitoring and control). These improvements will reduce congestion and allow the intersection to maintain the City's desired level of service. Sidewalk and curb enhancements at all four corners of the intersection will improve pedestrian safety. The project improves surface water quality with new facilities, and makes water utility adjustments where impacted. This Project is part of the NE 85th Street Corridor Improvements Project. See attached public notice (pdf).

What to Expect:

- Street trees along the west side of 114th Avenue NE between NE 85th Street and NE 86th Street have been removed to make room for the improvements.

 Replanting will occur at the end of the project.
- There may be inconvenience associated with driving through the work zone.
- Traffic control and flagging operations will be in effect.
- No-parking signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of any parking restrictions.
- Open trenches will be backfilled and/or covered at the end of each work day.
- Emergency vehicle access will be maintained throughout the construction process.
- For up to date information, go to the <u>project web site</u>. Or call the construction hotline: (425) 587-3838.

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